

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
Pocatalico Baptist Association,

HELD WITH
EBENEZER CHURCH,

LINCOLN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA,

On the 17th, 18th, and 19th days of September, 1869.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1869.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder David G. Barker, from the Songs of Solomon, 5th Chapter, 6th and 7th verses.

The Messengers from the different Churches composing the Pocatalico Baptist Association repaired to the house, and after prayer by Elder S. Smith, and the letters being read as they were presented by their respective churches, and the Messengers being enrolled, the Association organized by choosing Elder Wm. MARTIN, Moderator, and JEHU BYRNDALE, Clerk.

1. The Constitution and Rules of Order were read.
2. Called for Correspondence from Sister Associations, which were presented by their respective Messengers.

Indian Creek District—By Elder John Rhodes, and Bros. C. Marrs, and James W. Lilley.

Muskingum—By Elder David G. Barker, and Minutes.

Burning Spring—By Elders Samuel Smith and Samuel Hamilton, and Bros. J. Segraves and William Pennington.

3. Letters from newly constituted churches were called for, and one presented from Pleasant Hill Church was read, received, and the Messenger invited to a seat with us, by the Moderator, who gave the Messenger the right hand of fellowship.

4. Appointed A. E. Smith, James M. Edwards and S. Y. Edwards, a Committee to arrange the preaching at the stand, and to attend to the contributions.

5. Appointed David G. Barker, C. Marrs and S. Hamilton, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee to arrange the business of the Association, and report to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

6. Adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1869.

1. Called for the Report of the Committee of Arrangements, which was read, received, and the Committee discharged.

2. Called for Corresponding Letter to Sister Associations, which was presented by Jehu Byrnside, read, received, and ordered to be attached to the Minutes.

3. Called for Circular Letter, which was presented by Elder Wootson, and, after being read, it was received and ordered to be attached to the Minutes.

4. Appointed Jabez Beard to write our Corresponding Letter next year.

5. Appointed Joseph H. Sidebottom to write our Circular Letter next year.

6. Appointed Correspondence to Sister Associations as follows:

Indian Creek—Elder Wm. A. Melton and Jehu Byrnside.

Muskingum—Elder Wm. Martin, Wm. S. Breeden and N. Greenlee.

Burning Spring—Elders Andrew Adkins and Jos. H. Sidebottom.

7. The Low Gap Church is excused for its failure to send representation heretofore.

8. In answer to a query from Mount Zion Church, we are of opinion that she did right in calling in the credentials of Joseph N. Estep, and excluding him and his adherants from her fellowship.

9. In answer to a query from the Ebenezer Church, we are of the opinion that evidence from the outside world, whatever its character may be, should not be valid before a Church of God.

10. The Union Meeting of the 1st District will be holden with the Liberty Church at the October meeting, attended by Elders Wm. A. Melton and William S. Breeden.

11. The Union Meeting of the 2d District will be holden with the Elizabeth Church, at her November meeting, attended by Elders Wm. Martin and Wm. A. Melton.

12. The Union meeting for the 3d District will be holden with the Mount Zion Church, at her October meeting, attended by Wm. A. Melton and Jehu Byrnside.

13. Resolved, That we dispense with our usual practice of taking a collection at the stand, and that we admonish the churches to send up contributions to defray the expenses of the messengers to the Association if they wish to continue the correspondence.

14. We are of opinion that it is the privilege of a church to call a Presbytery for the Ordination of a Minister. The Presbytery should, in all cases, be of our faith and order.

15. Our next Annual Meeting will be holden with the Elium Church, to begin on Friday before the 3d Lord's Day in September, 1870, (the Elium Church is situated in Jackson County, W. Va.,) and that Elder Wm. A. Melton preach the Introductory, and that Wm. S. Breeden be his Alternate.

16. The Committee on Preaching and Finance presented a satisfactory report, and was discharged.

Elders S. Hamilton, John Rhodes, D. G. Barker, Wootson Melton, and A. Adkins, occupied the stand on Saturday. C. Marrs, Samuel Smith, D. G. Barker, Wm. Martin and J. H. Sidebottom, occupied the stand on Sunday.

17. The Clerk was allowed \$20 00 to pay for printing, and the remainder of the funds were divided among the correspondents.

18. Adjourned until our next Annual Meeting.

WILLIAM MARTIN, Moderator.

JEHU BYRNSIDE, Clerx.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches Composing the Pocatalico Regular Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:

Having been appointed to prepare a Circular for this year, I have chosen, for my subject, the 5th verse of the 28th chapter of our Lord's Gospēl by St. Matthew:

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified."

An examination of the character of angels shows us that they are ministering spirits; we find also, that they are one of the means used by God, in communicating with the lost sons and daughters of men. These holy instruments were counseled to speak comfort to these women and children of God, and they brought this glorious message: "He is not here, for He has risen as He said. Come and see the place where the Lord lay, and go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead."

Here was cause for fear and great joy, because Jesus had led Captivity captive, and given gifts unto men. He had become the end of the law, for righteousness to every one that believeth. Now there was great cause for joy, but they should not fear, for the Lord was their shield and hiding-place. While there was cause for their seeking Jesus, there are still causes for the children of earth to seek him; and the main cause seems to be a love of God, or the Spirit shining into the heart.

Oh, may we not, in the language of the Angels, say "fear not ye" and we must go quickly and tell the news, for such characters are not only encouraged but commanded to come unto Jesus. They are Souls that are burdened and heavy laden.

God's means are of his own choosing, and they are effectual in his hands. He has made the Preached word one of his means; then go, Shepherds, and declare the word abroad, assured that you will return, bearing heavy sheaves, for Jesus has said so. "I am with you always, even unto the end." What more can we, as servants, ask?

And my brethren, see to your Shepherds, and administer to their necessities, as the God of all Grace and goodness has commanded us. May the God of Mercy and Peace be with us. Yours in the bonds of Christian love. Farewell.

Corresponding Letter.

THE OLD SCHOOL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, CALLED POCATALICO,

To the Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth her

Christian Salutation Greeting:

VERY DEAR AND MUCH BELOVED BRETHREN IN CHRIST:

By this, you will see that we have sat in an associate capacity, and we have been very much refreshed by the presence of your very welcome correspondence, which came to us laded with the precious truths of the Gospel of Christ, which is a feast of fat things to us. We earnestly ask you to continue your correspondence with us, our minutes will tell you where our next Annual meeting will be holden. May the good Shepherd be our strong-hold in the day of trouble. So finally Brethren, farewell for the present.

TABLE OF APPOINTMENTS, DELEGATES, &c.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Sunday of Meeting.		
			Distriet.	Delegates.	Appointed.
Liberty,	Wm. A. Melton,	C. H. Casdorph, B. B. Edens, B. F. Atkinson,	6	1	1
Hopewell,	3d	Wm. Martin, Wm. A. Melton, Wm. S. Breedon,	7	2	1
Eltum,	Wm. S. Breedon,	Robert Hammond,		32	4
Aitwell,	1st				00
Elizabeth,	3d				
Eton,	1st				
Providence,	V. Greenlee,	Woolson Melton,			
Salem,	V. Greenlee,	Neele Greenlee,	5	1	1
Olivet,	Wm. A. Melton,	Jehu Burnside, J. H. Sidebottom, A. E. Smith,		3	19
Low Gap,	Wm. Adkins,	Wm. Adkins, Andrew Adkins, W. Bartrum,	2d	2	60
Sarah,	Wm. Adkins,	John C. Adkins, and Louis Midkiff.	2d	37	1
Mt. Zion,	J. H. Sidebottom,	Josephus Workman,	1st	1	85
Ebenezer,	3d	Squire Estep, A. Miller and J. Ball,	3d	15	75
Pleasant Hill,	Jehu Byrnside,	J. M. Edwards, S. V. Edwards and J. Smith,	3d	19	100
	Henry Young.		4th	12	75
Contributions.			Total Number.	1	95
Baptized.					\$3 95
Retired.					33 00
Received by Letter.					9 00
Regratified by Letter.					00
Deceased.					
Excluded.					
Deceased.					
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